

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of changing the value of a parameter from a current value to a desired value comprising the steps of:

inputting a first directional command to set ~~cause~~ the parameter to ~~vary~~ at a first value,
the first value having a first predetermined number of units ~~speed~~ in a first direction; and

inputting a second directional command to ~~cause~~ change the parameter by a second value
having a second predetermined number of units in a second direction wherein the second value is
less than the first value ~~to vary at a different speed either in the first or in the opposite direction.~~

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Claim 2 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 1, in which the second direction
~~directional command~~ is the same as a repeat of the first direction ~~directional command~~ which
causes the parameter to increase in value ~~vary~~ in the first direction upon entering of the second
directional command ~~at a speed higher than the first speed.~~

Claim 3 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 1, in which the second direction
~~directional command~~ is different to from the first direction ~~directional command~~ and entering of
the second directional command causes the parameter value to decrease in the first direction ~~vary~~
~~in the opposite direction at a lower speed than the first speed.~~

Claim 4 (original): A method according to Claim 1, in which there are two possible
directional commands corresponding to "Up" and "Down" whereby the parameter is increased or
decreased in value.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 1, in which there is a third command
corresponding to "Stop" which causes that which the parameter is measuring to retain its current
value.

Claim 6 (original): A method according to Claim 5, comprising the steps of inputting a first

command; inputting a stop command; and inputting a second command whereby the parameter varies in the first direction at a slower speed than the first speed.

Claim 7 (original): A method according to Claim 1, in which the commands are voice commands.

Claim 8 (original): A method according to Claim 1, in which the commands are manually input commands.

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Claim 9 (currently amended): An apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ for changing the value of a parameter from a current value to a desired value comprising control means to control the parameter; and input means to which the control means is responsive; wherein the input means is arranged to input directional commands whereby the control means ~~varies~~ sets the parameter in response to a first directional command at a first ~~speed~~ value in a first direction and then in response to a second directional command varies the parameter ~~and a different speed in the first or in the opposite~~ in a second direction by a second value that is less than the first value.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ according to Claim 9, in which the input means is a voice recognition device.

Claim 11 (new): The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the second direction is opposite the first direction.

Claim 12 (new): The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the second direction is the same as the first direction.

Claim 13 (new): The apparatus of claim 9 further comprising a third directional command in a third direction having a third value that is less than the second value.

Claim 14 (new): The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the third direction is the same as the second direction.

Claim 15 (new): The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the third direction is opposite the second direction.

Claim 16 (new): The apparatus of claim 13 in which the input means is a voice recognition device.

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Claim 17 (new): The apparatus of claim 15 further comprising a stop command wherein the parameter ceases directional movement in the item being measured.
